

Factors Affecting ESL Students in the Classroom

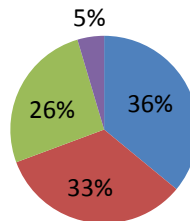
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Una Demographics

■ Hispanic ■ African American ■ White ■ Asian Pacific



Metro Nashville public school work with 36,480 limited English students. Una Elementary has 344 ELL students. As you can see from the graph, they make up 40% of our population. Arabic students are considered part of the white percentage, making the percentage at Una higher. With such a high population, educators need to look at the factors that impact our language learners so that they can reach their learning potential. Listed below are factors that influence our ELL students.

- Native language proficiency
- Knowledge of second language
- Literacy and writing skills in L1
- Home support and environment
- Self- Motivation (language attitudes)
- Learning styles
- Length of time learning English
- Language and culture: are there similarities between the languages?
- Frequency of interactions with English speakers
- Classroom diversity